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Mrs. Irasema Salcido, principal
Cesar Chavez Charter School and
Mayor Anthony Williams.
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Remembering...

LEON FIELDS

Leon Fields was raised in Southwest and went to school here, attending Randall Jr. High.

He worked in Southwest his whole life. But the most notable feature of his life in Southwest was his life-long commitment to improving the lives of all those who live here and to bringing down the racial and economic barriers that separate and diminish us.

He lost one of his arms in his youth, but this loss of limb was no deterrent to "Rub," as he was affectionately known. He became an accomplished athlete excelling in three sports, and was in the first group of inductees into the D.C. Legends Annual Hall of Fame.

Throughout his life he showed determination in the face of adversity, an affinity with athletics and recreation, and a commitment to helping others. In 1966 he went to work for the Southwest Community House as a community organizer in the anti-poverty program, eventually becoming the House's Executive Director. During this time he served as a Model Cities Commissioner for Southwest. He also chaired Neighborhood Planning Council #17 and served five terms as president of the Syphax PTA.

Concerned about the divisions that developed in the wake of Southwest urban renewal between the "old" and "new" residents, the "poor" and rich, and "blacks" and "whites," Leon was one of the founders of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Later he was elected to a seat on Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D where he continued his advocacy. At the time of his death he was working with the Cavaliers Athletic Club to improve recreation facilities in Southwest. ■

David Gilmore Urges Independent Housing Board for DC

By Maurice Cook

On March 11th, there was a public meeting at Riverside Condominium with David I. Gilmore, the court-appointed receiver of the D.C. Public Housing Authority (DCHA). The DCHA manages approximately 12,000 public housing units at some 60 locations around the city; it also administers the federal "Section 8" rental assistance program for another 8,000 units, making Mr. Gilmore in effect the "landlord" for about 20,000 D.C. households.

The Southwest community has about 4,000 public housing units, one-third of the city's total public housing stock, mainly located along the M Street corridor. In Mr. Gilmore's words, public housing can be a community's greatest asset or the biggest

"albatross" around its neck, depending on how well the property is managed. Until Mr. Gilmore's appointment in May of 1995, it was managed very poorly indeed.

Mr. Gilmore stated that his receivership will end in about six months, after the DCHA attains certain HUD-mandated performance indicators. Further, he emphasized that while the DCHA's present outlook is bright, its future remains uncertain and will depend largely on whether it reverts to "the old ways of doing business" after his departure. For that reason, he is emphatic in his belief that the DCHA's stewardship should pass from him to an independent board of commissioners, not to a city department head. His experience working with housing authorities in other major cities has shown that they perform best when operated

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Jack Evans Sees Dynamic Southwest Coming

By Joseph Foote

A vital and dynamic Southwest of the future was envisioned by Council Member Jack Evans in remarks to the annual meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly on March 29. Both the Waterside Mall area and the waterfront enjoy attractive locations and should look forward to good times ahead.



He warned, however, that Southwest must assert itself or be left behind. "DC is finally moving and growing," he said. "The time has come when things are happening in this city. It's a very exciting time in the city and in Southwest. Enormous resources are going to be pouring into the city. Either we in Southwest are part of that growth and we participate, or it goes on around us and we're not part of it." Evans reported that he has formed a Task Force of Southwest residents

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New Cherry Tree On S.W. Waterfront



The 1998 Cherry Blossom

Queen Courtney

Jordan, left, points a shovel

at the latest cherry tree planted

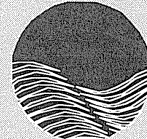
on the S.W. Waterfront. Help-

ing her is Launa Sims, a

college student selected to be the

Ambassador of Good Will for

the Cherry Blossom Festival.



How will the Tobacco Money for DC be Spent? & How Will we Pay for Healthcare in SW?

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) Meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 1999 at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd and M Sts. at 7:30 pm.

The main speaker will be Bill Jones, director of the SW Health Clinic speaking on these two health questions. Presiding will be the newly installed president of the SWNA, Reverend George E. Holmes. Refreshments will be served.

Reverend George E. Holmes assumes presidency of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. One of his goals is for the Assembly to reflect the concerns of ALL who live in Southwest.



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Southwest Community Calendar

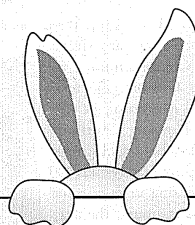
April - May 1999

April 21	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751 12 noon, St. Matthews Lutheran Church 3rd & M St. SW
April 21	Wednesday	Metropolitan Police Department, PSA 107/PSA 110, Community Meeting, 7 pm Southeastern University
April 22	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 1:30 pm, Southwest Branch Library
April 26	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting 7:30 pm, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M St., SW
April 29	Thursday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert 7:30 pm, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW
April 30	Friday	First District MPD Awards Banquet 7:00 pm, MCI Center-Velocity Center
May 1	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am, Southwest Branch Library
May 3	Monday	SWNA Board 7:00 pm, SWNA Office Waterside Mall, 1 St. Side
May 4	Tuesday	First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council 7:00 pm, 1D Headquarters, 4th and E Sts. SW
May 10	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St.
May 11	Tuesday	Mayor's Ward 2 Community Meeting 7:00 pm, Jefferson Junior High School 8th and I St. For more info, call Mayor's office, (202) 673-4421.
May 12	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm, Southwest Branch Library
May 15	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am, Southwest Branch Library
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(Please submit calendar items for the next issue by the 7th of May to Carole Early, 488-3355.)

Justice William O. Douglas Hike

Southwest's Channel Inn is the final stop of the Forty Fifth Anniversary of the Justice William O. Douglas hike on May 1, when the C&O Canal Association will host a banquet for fifty hikers and their guests. The celebration is to mark the end of the 186 mile trek that starts on April 18 at Cumberland, Maryland, with the last leg at Thompson's Boat Center in Georgetown. The anniversary walk held every five years and is a regional tradition which will be next held in 2004. ■



Easter Fun Jackie Matthews, District Rep. 2

Tracy Hooks, along with good neighbors, sponsored the Easter Monday event for children of SW Greenleaf. It was a day of fun and games. If you feel that you can be help in Greenleaf or need assistance yourself, call Ms. Hooks at (202) 727-2896. ■

NARFE Supports Long Term Care Bill

Frank Atwater, president of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, testified on the Hill in support of a bill on federal standards for long term care insurance.

The Southwest chapter of NARFE, which meets at 1:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month at the S.W. library, discussed the question at its March meeting. Legislative committee chair Charles Reynolds can be reached at 488-8384. ■

Southwest Community House Receives Housing Assistance Grant

Southwest residents who have fallen behind in paying their rent, mortgage, utilities, or need help in paying their first month's rent may be eligible for financial assistance from the Southwest Community House, says Peter Jones, the agency's Executive Director. "Applicants must be able to show that, with our assistance, they will become current with their delinquency and remain current with their payments", stated Mr. Jones. Additional criteria must also be met in order to become eligible.

This grant is provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and is available city-wide. For more information call Southwest House at (202) 488-7210. ■

AARP

The AARP of the District of Columbia Honored Outstanding Women Physicians in conjunction with Women's History Month.

Nine physicians who have been involved in women's health programs and research in District hospitals were honored for their contributions in a special ceremony on March 18th. Ethel James Williams, the women's issues specialist for AARP DC, was among several who presided at the ceremony. ■

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The Southwester

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Drop off your stories on diskette with photos by Wednesday, May 5, in the box behind the counter at the SW Library, 3rd & I SW. E-mail text to: carjim@erols.com
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The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is: to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident and to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

And the Winners of the SWNA elections are...

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The District Representatives are:			
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Mary Ann Bailer	202/479-0571		
<i>District 2 -</i>			
Jacquelyn (Jackie) Matthews	202/484-8996		
Joseph Foote	202/554-5785		
Terry Douglas			

The election chair, Beth A. Paulson, was able to get permission from Safeway for the elections to be held within the store. For this, we want to say a resounding "thank you". And thanks to her two able co-chairs - Ms. Grace Savage and Mr. Dale MacIver. The staffers who "peopled" the booth were Ms. Thelma D. Jones (who was instrumental in convincing people to run and preparing the slate of candidates), Ms. Carole Early, Ms. Mary Kay Tobin and Dr. Gladys Weaver. ■

CORRECTIONS

An incorrect caption appeared below the photo of four police officers in the April issue of *The Southwester*. Below are the correct photos and captions.

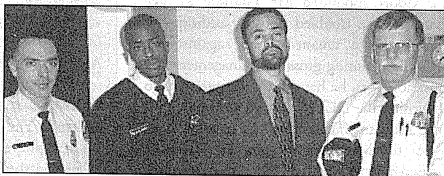
Canine Corps



First District MPD Commander **Kim Dine**, left, and **Officer Wes Henry** of the Canine Division, answer questions at the Citizens Advisory Council meeting. Officer Henry, who has 28 1/2 years with the department, reported that several of the 25 canine corps dogs in D.C. are cross-trained to sniff out over a dozen different drugs. ■

Cop-of-the-Month Awards

High quality policing by four officers was recognized by Officer-of-the-month awards given at the March meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council at District 1 headquarters at 4th and E St. S.W. Left to right are the awardees: **Officers**



James Meagher, Milan Jones, Timothy Chesley, and Donald Knox.

YOUR NEW WEBSITE

Southwest D.C. residents and those wishing to learn more about our area now have an online resource—www.usudc.org. You'll find lots of interesting information about SW, D.C., including housing, education, attractions, community organizations, services, and much more. There is also a web page for the Southwester with headlines and major stories. SWNA meeting minutes and announcements are

also posted online. Try it out for yourself—and if you don't have Internet access, use the computers at the Southwest Library. The Website Committee welcomes volunteer assistance for the following activities: scanning images, html updates, and content development. We are also looking for a volunteer webmaster, so if you or anyone you know is interested, please contact us at ebellin@juno.com. ■

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Animal Crackers

By Wallace Babington

Don't expect to find animals or crackers involved in Arena's current revival of the Marx Brothers' 1920 musical farce, "Animal Crackers". But do expect to be assaulted by wild, insane, over-the-top comedy, songs that make you think you're back in olden days, tap dancing you thought you'd never see again and non-stop joy and hilarity. It's hard to know which aspect of this zany extravaganza I enjoyed the most: seeing the Marx Brothers bouncing around with reckless abandon; birds dancing with a fervor and delicacy that defies description; listening to a piano and harp played as though Harpo and Chico lived again. I sometimes feel that Arena over-produces its material - takes the sets, costumes, dancing, singing to unnecessary extremes. However, in this case, every extreme is warranted and welcomed. There is not a feather, sequin, boa, wig, horn, flute, chair that is wasted. I only stopped smiling when I laughed out loud. What a pleasure this show is - what a delight. (At the Arena now through May 30th.) ■

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Charter Theater

By Wallace Babington

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independently from city governments. Therefore, he urges the concerned residents of Southwest, public housing residents and non-residents alike, to "join hands" in ensuring that their public housing remains well managed. He suggests that we start by reviewing the DCHA's proposed legislation governing the Authority's long-term status and, if we like it, by encouraging our council member to vote for it.

Before Mr. Gilmore's appointment, the DCHA was soundly criticized for a high vacancy rate and poor overall performance. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rated it the second worst housing authority among the nation's 40 largest cities. At one time, the U.S. Justice Department rated Greenleaf Annex the largest open-air marijuana market in the country. The DCHA's record was so poor that HUD suspended the payment to D.C. of millions of dollars of block grants—funds sorely needed for long-delayed maintenance, renovation, and construction. Finally, in 1995 the D.C. Superior Court appointed Mr. Gilmore to take charge of the troubled housing authority in response to a tenant-led suit against the authority claiming gross mismanagement. By most accounts, he has done an impressive job of turning the DCHA around and making it once again an efficient organization.

At the March 11 meeting, Mr. Gilmore focused mainly on the DCHA's accomplishments and its prospects for the future. Mr. Gilmore pointed out that the former Ellen Wilson public housing complex in near Southeast has been reborn as the Town Homes on Capitol Hill. At one time left vacant and abandoned, the uninhabitable complex has been demolished. In its place the DCHA is erecting a cooperative housing community where the residents will own shares and have an equity interest in their homes. Also, the DCHA recently decided to raze uninhabitable housing units at the Arthur Capper complex adjacent to the freeway and to negotiate a contract with the U.S. Marine Corps to erect a barracks on the site. The DCHA has performed extensive interior and exterior renovation and refurbishing of the grounds and exteriors of the Syphax Gardens, Greenleaf Gardens, and James Creek complexes all in Southwest.

The DCHA holds public meetings at its

JAZZ AT CHANNEL INN



A trio called "The Natural Selection" appears in the lounge at Channel Inn on Water St. at 7th St. S.W. Wednesday through Sunday. Left to right are Erik Johnson, Edmond "Bubba" Harley, Dan Burbine. On Tuesdays pianist/singer Roosevelt Smith performs.

headquarters at 1133 North Capitol Street N.E. For the latest meeting schedule contact Linda Royster at (202) 535-2864. Meetings are accessible to the disabled.

The DCHA's main number is (202) 535-1000. ■

Citywide achievements cited by Mr. Gilmore:

Maintenance: The DCHA set up its own company to maintain, renovate, and refurbish housing units. The company employs about 750 people, a third of whom are public housing residents, and is currently engaged in large-scale, city-wide renovation. Response times following maintenance requests have been considerably shortened.

Occupancy: The citywide public-housing occupancy rate is approaching 100 percent, not counting some 1,500 vacated uninhabitable units at various locations. About 8,000 applicants are on the waiting list for public housing; another 18,000 are waiting for Section 8 rental assistance vouchers. The rent collection rate has risen from 78 percent to nearly 100 percent. Admissions standards have been raised to screen out problem tenants and persons with a history of serious crimes.

Crime: The crime rate on and near DCHA property is down 30 percent on average in the last year, and the homicide rate is down about 55 percent. Drug dealing is also down considerably, but has not been eliminated. The DCHA gained City Council approval to form its own police force, with a planned complement of 250 academy-trained officers. The DCHA has also mediated disputes between youth gangs and sponsored mentoring programs, summer youth programs, and employment training and placement.

New construction: The DCHA plans to construct mixed-income cooperative communities at sites around the city. At each site a third of the units will be for low-income families, a third for moderate-income families, and a third will be sold at market rates. Twenty such market-rate homes are to be built at the former Ellen Wilson site in near Southeast. ■

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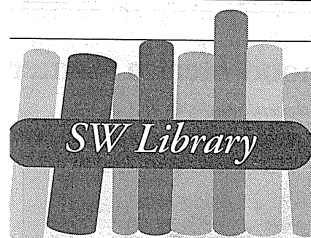
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The Young Lions	May 21
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Michael Thomas, trumpet	Billy Smith, sax
Emory Diggs, bass	Nap Turner, vocals
Zach Graddy, sax	May 28
April 30	Greg Lamont, organ
Buck Hill, tenor sax	Spencer Ranch, sax
Cheyney Thomas, bass	Ricky Loza, drums
Dan Waters, piano	June 4
Jerry Jones, drums	Marsha Meekins, flute
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League Does A Study on Water Supply

By Davie Renshaw

The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area and its Water Supply Task Force is recently completed a study entitled, "Drinking Water Supply in the Washington Metropolitan Area: Prospects and Options for the 21st Century."

The study considers the adequacy of the Potomac River water supply to meet the needs of the metropolitan area as we continue growing in the 21st century. While a severe drought may not deplete our water supplies until 2035, such a drought could require water use restrictions as early as the next decade. The study recommends a region-wide public process through which possible restrictions can be analyzed and a consensus reached about the appropriate choice.

This study with executive summary is available at the Southwest Library, or can be accessed at <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org>. For copies contact Robert Perry of the Falls Church League of Women Voters, at (703) 534-5421, or, while they last. ■

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to advise him on neighborhood interests. Depending on the issue, Evans said he brings in District officials to join the discussion.

The situation with Waterside Mall remains uncertain, Evans said. The Environmental Protection Agency "has not been decisive" about its intentions for moving in the next year or so, he said.

Evans reported that he achieved Council passage of legislation requiring tour buses to turn off their engines after idling for three minutes. He has also had the city identify a parking lot for tour buses to help keep them out of Southwest while their passengers tour the city. ■

SW Book Club - members sought. Call (202) 488-8904.

To the bereaved family and friends of Mr. Leon Fields,

It is with much regret and gratitude that I write this letter. Mr. Fields was an integral part of the success of the Southwest Community House Association. He served as our Executive Director for many of our early years. Mr. Fields was more than just a resident of the Southwest community, he was a mentor and a father figure to many of our young men. He was a star on the athletic field and a leader in the community who brought more than hope to every issue. Mr. Fields was very well respected throughout this city, from City Council to the Mayor's office. He was a family man with strong family values. He was a man truly concerned about the well being of other people. He was a tireless leader in many civic and social organizations. Mr. Fields was a long-standing member of the Cavaliers Benevolent Athletic Club. In 1997 the Southwest Community House honored Mr. Fields with a coveted award/reception for his many years of service to the community. The Southwest Community House and the Southwest community of the District of Columbia will truly miss his energy and compassion, and wisdom. He was always ready to extend a helping hand to a person in their hour of need. So I say to the beautiful family members, children and friends of Mr. Fields, keep your head up, because Mr. Leon "RUBB" Fields has fought a good fight.

Sincerely,

David S. Brewer
President, Board of Directors Southwest Community House

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Editorial

Should Arena Stage Move?

Many people here in Southwest have expressed concern about the possible move of the Arena Stage. According to a recent questionnaire from the theatre, there are three possibilities for a future Arena location.

The list included: 1) move to 14th St., NW, 2) move to 7th St., NW and 3) remain in Southwest but at another location. I propose adding a fourth option - to remain at the present location and enlarge the building.

The Arena is a great asset to the community and if you have an opinion on the relocation, write a letter expressing this. Send the letter to Stephen Bralove, c/o The Arena Stage, 6th and M Streets, S.W., Washington, DC 20024. ■

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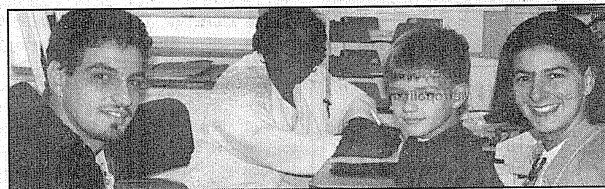
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By Donna Alston

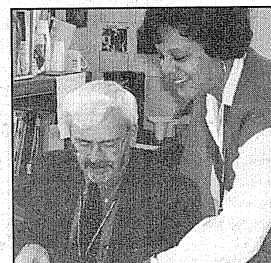


Pediatrics. Young **Lucas Buono** with his father **Marcus Buono** on the left and mother **Marcia Buono** visit with Nursing Asst. **Sandra Mingle** in the Pediatric Clinic at S.W. Health Center.

A major health clinic right in our Southwest neighborhood accounts for over 15,000 doctor visits a year. The Southwest Neighborhood Health Center has a medical and dental staff and many specialty health services at its three-story location at Delaware Ave. and I (Eye) St., S.W. Every year there are 30,000 patient visits to the social services, nutrition, case management, pharmacy and other departments.

Under a new law, health care for medicaid patients is provided by one of seven health plans, called HMOs. The S.W. Health Center acts as primary care provider for all seven, allowing patients to receive care in their own neighborhood. Southwest also sees many other insured patients, such as those covered by Blue Cross.

Patients visiting the S.W. Neighborhood Health Center are allowed to choose between the following Medicaid Managed Health Care plans: Advantage Health plan, American Pre-



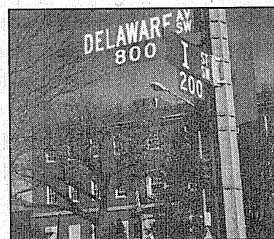
Director **Bill Jones**. S.W. Neighborhood Health Center Director **Bill Jones** in his office on the third floor of the center, with Community Outreach Director **Cheryl Cook**.

ferred Provider Plan, Capital Community Health Plan, Chartered Health Plan, George Washington Health Plan, Health Right Prudential Health and Car Community Plan.

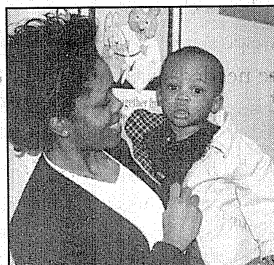
Under all of these patients may keep their S.W. doctor and continue to make appointments at the clinic. Under all of these plans any hospital visit and specialty services with other doctors are covered. Anyone who still needs to choose a health plan or to inform their health plan that their doctor in S.W.

their "primary provider" should call Phill Brown at the S.W. center, or visit him there.

The United Planning Organization (UPC) also has an information office on health plans at the Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W., telephone (202) 216-9688. During the month of April hearings are being held to decide what it would mean to the community if the clinic's budget were cut. Call the director of the clinic, Bill Jones, with your input or questions. We look forward to hearing more from him at the SWNA meeting. The number of the clinic (202) 727-3615. ■



S.W. Neighborhood Health Center. The street sign at Delaware Ave. S.W. and I (Eye) St. S.W. shows the location of the S.W. Neighborhood Health Center.



Pediatrics. Pediatrics Nurse **DelWanda Eaton** holds young **Malik Daniels**, a patient at the Pediatric Clinic.

"Hope"

*I caught a glimpse of hope one day
And chased it as it swept away
I found myself where no one else
Would ever dare to follow*

*Inside this cave dark with no light
Is where I followed hope that night.
Ten thousand fears ran through my mind
And then I heard a whisper.*

*I am the hope that will walk with you
The times you thought that you were through
You called on me in times of need
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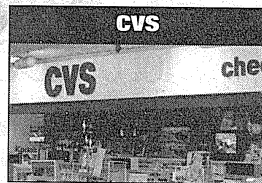
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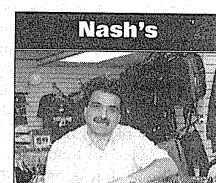
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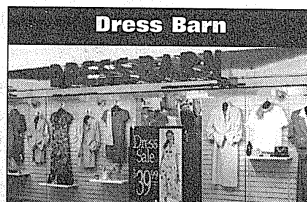
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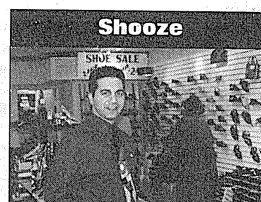
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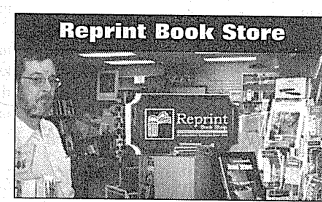
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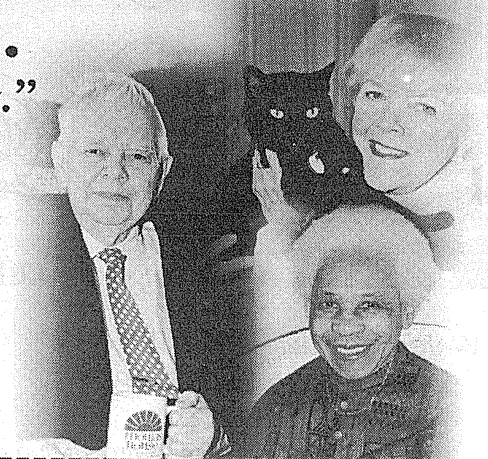
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Cesar Chavez Charter School Holds Grand Opening Celebration

On Thursday, March 25, an overflow group of well-wishers crowded into the EPA auditorium for the Grand Opening Celebration of the Cesar Chavez Public Charter High School for Public Policy. Parents, students, local Southwest people, and Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, Mayor Tony Williams, and Peter Robinson of EPA were present. The main speaker was Mr. Jim Gibson of the DC Agenda.

The audience was treated to a demonstration of Mexican dancing by a group of girls in traditional full skirts, several student presentations, and songs. These demonstrated some of the extra curricular activities available to the students.

Mrs. Irasema Salcido, the Principal, founder and organizer of the school, and the three teachers she recruited to teach in her innovative school, were all wildly applauded by the many students and the audience. The school is open from 7 AM to 7 PM with a rig-

orous bipartisan curriculum, field trips, and outside speakers on policy issues. Each child has a tutor. The Urban Institute and the Heritage Foundation are both sponsors.

The mission of the school was brought out in a speech by Mayor Tony Williams who said, "Building community is investing in our children. In the Cesar Chavez School the children are studying and learning how to analyze all policies and thus preparing to become leaders".

Mr. Robinson of the EPA reported EPA's partnership with the school and the importance of the children learning about such policy issues as the rainforest and other environmental issues.

Mr. Jim Gibson stressed the need for training to give young leaders the background and knowledge to make wise decisions. He urged the young people to take their education seriously and "go out and change the world."

Job Fair Has Restaurant & Hotel Jobs

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D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton has arranged for restaurants and hotels having waiter/waitress, housekeeping, front desk, accounting, engineering and guest services jobs to interview anyone interested.

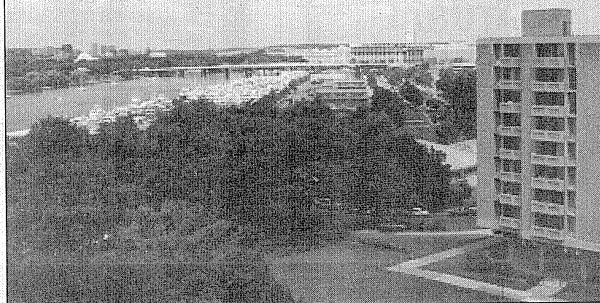
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